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WA Migration and Mobilities Update Conference

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Welcome to the Fifth Annual WA Migration and Mobilities Update Conference

This year the Update tackles the important issue of belonging, with the theme 'Belonging in Western Australia: addressing migrant and refugee inclusion'. Each year, around 190,000 people move permanently to Australia, and many more come temporarily for work or education – how are we, as a community, meeting their needs and ensuring they feel they 'belong' in Australia?

Our program brings together policy-makers, not-for-profits, communities and academics to explore this question and more, including:

- What does belonging look like?
- What are migrants' and ethnic minorities' experiences of inclusion and exclusion?
- How can services support belonging?
- To what extent are Australia's migration and settlement systems inclusive?
- How can we create inclusive spaces for migrants?
- What are the roles of educational institutions, local councils, community associations, the media, the arts, and service organisations in facilitating migrant belonging?

The annual Migration Update reflects the objectives of the UWA Migration, Mobilities and Belonging research group. Established in 2013, this network brings together staff and students from across The University of Western Australia with an interest in a diverse array of migration and mobilities issues.

The WA Migration and Mobilities Update Conference is modelled on the very successful series hosted by the University of Adelaide and the Dunstan Foundation, initiated in 2010 by the late Professor Graeme Hugo AO. Migration and settlement continue to be an important and often divisive subject in Australia and globally. The Update provides an opportunity to bring academia, communities, the private sector and government together to share experiences and improve understandings of these critical contemporary issues.

We are grateful for the support of:

- The Hon. Paul Papalia CSC, MLA, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- Professor Dawn Freshwater, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Australia
- Professor Robyn Owens, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), The University of Western Australia
- Professor Matthew Tonts, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education, The University of Western Australia
- Professor Benjamin Smith, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education, The University of Western Australia

We would also like to acknowledge the Update Steering Committee, whose collaboration on the planning of this conference and ongoing commitment to it is crucial to its success:

- Ms Maria Bunn, Western Australia Multicultural Association Inc.
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- Dr Tim Dymond, Organising and Strategic Research Officer, Unions WA
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- Ms Kirstie Davis and Susie Moir, Western Australian Local Government Association
- Ms Fritz Krogel, Department of Training and Workforce Development
- Assoc Prof Justine Dandy, Edith Cowan University
- Ms Amanda Gillett, Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
- Ms Jacqui Ure, Migration Institute of Australia

We would also like to thank our postgraduate student volunteers, and assistant Dr Charmaine Lim.

We trust you will have a stimulating day.

*Associate Professor Farida Fozdar
Dr Donella Caspersz
Professor Loretta Baldassar*

***WA Migration and Mobilities
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Program

Belonging in Western Australia: addressing migrant and refugee inclusion

Wednesday 28 August, 8.30am–4.30pm

UWA Oceans Institute (Indian Ocean Centre Auditorium), Fairway (west end of main campus), Nedlands

Time	Session
8.30am	Registration
9am	Welcome Chair: Associate Professor Farida Fozdar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome to UWA: Professor Matthew Tonts, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and EducationWelcome to Country: Associate Professor Len CollardWelcome message from the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, Hon. Paul Papalia CSC, MLA
9.40–10.15am	PANEL 1 Experiences of belonging and unbelonging: community voices Chair: Associate Professor Farida Fozdar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assadullah Khurrami (President, Sal Sal Hazara), 'Belonging among refugee-background communities'Joe Tuazama (President, Organisation of African Communities), 'Settlement and belonging among those of African background in Western Australia'Leena Bakshi (postgraduate student, UWA), 'Designing public places of belonging'Associate Professor Farida Fozdar
10.15–10.35am	Questions/discussion
10.35–10.55am	Morning tea
10.55–11.25am	Keynote Professor Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento), 'Migrant home-making: insights from Europe'
11.25–11.35am	Questions/discussion Chair: Professor Loretta Baldassar
11.35am–12.35pm	PANEL 2 Practices of belonging Chair: Professor Loretta Baldassar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alice Graziotti (Senior Immigration Advisor, Estrin Saul Lawyers and Migration Specialists), 'Citizenship and migration: visa related inclusion and exclusion'Amanda Gillett (Manager, Community and Organisational Development, Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre), 'Belonging and work'Alison Cook (Senior Project Officer, Migration Support Programs, Red Cross), 'Settlement, social inclusion and belonging for migrants in transition: the work of Red Cross'James Jegasothy (Community Engagement Officer, Office of Multicultural Issues), 'The role of state government in promoting belonging'Professor Loretta Baldassar
12.35–12.55pm	Questions/discussion
12.55–1.35pm	Lunch
1.35–2.25pm	PANEL 3 Media, sport, the arts and belonging Chair: Dr Donella Caspersz <ul style="list-style-type: none">Abdulrahim Osman Elmi (Director, Roots TV), 'The role of grassroots media in migrant belonging'Zheela Vokes (Diversity Manager, Community Arts Network) and Gabby Loo (Artist), 'Belonging, a Whadjuk Noongar boodjar based community arts initiative'Tamkin Essa (Project Coordinator, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of WA (MYANWA), 'Shouting out youth advocacy'Mary Amosa, (Coordinator, Butler Falcons girls multicultural AFL team), 'Sport and inclusion'Dr Donella Caspersz
2.25–2.45pm	Questions/discussion
2.45–3.15pm	PANEL 4 Education, local government and belonging Chair: Dr Donella Caspersz <ul style="list-style-type: none">Len Nielsen (Team Leader, Curtin University), 'The AHEAD Program'

Time	Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Simeon (Head of Learning Area, Aranmore Catholic College), 'Building belonging in the Intensive English Centre' Ashleigh Brand (Project Leader, City of Stirling) 'The Kaleidoscope Project'
3.15–3.35pm	Questions/discussion
3.35–4pm	Academic research on migration and belonging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor Justine Dandy (Edith Cowan University), 'Migrant and refugee inclusion from multiple perspectives: findings from research' Catrina Stevens (postgraduate student, UWA), 'Belonging in Perth and citizenship dilemmas among temporary-turned-permanent Chinese labour migrants'
4–4.15pm	Questions/discussion
4.15–4.25pm	Conclusion Fadzi Whande (Principal Consultant, Workforce Diversity, Public Sector Commission)

Keynote speaker



Paolo Boccagni

Paolo Boccagni, lecturer in Sociology at the University of Trento, has published more than 30 articles on migration studies, diversity, housing, social policy and research methods. His main areas of expertise are international migration, transnationalism, social welfare, care, diversity and home. His current research is on home-making and home-feeling processes, as a critical question for the everyday negotiation of boundaries between native and foreign-born populations.

As the Principal Investigator of the European Research Council Starting Grant project HOMInG, Paolo is leading a team doing multi-sited fieldwork on the experience of home among migrants and refugees in nine different countries. In recent years he has also done fieldwork on the ways of framing and approaching immigrant and refugee clients among social workers; on the lived experience and the sense of home of international students; and

on the built environment, material cultures and thresholds of domesticity in refugee reception initiatives. Recent publications include *Migration and the Search for Home: Mapping Domestic Space in Migrants' Everyday Lives* (Palgrave, 2017) and the articles 'Aspirations and the subjective future of migration' (Comparative Migration Studies, 2017), 'At home in home care: contents and boundaries of the "domestic" among immigrant live-in workers in Italy' (Housing Studies, 2018) and 'Ambivalence and the social processes of immigrant inclusion' (with P. Kivisto, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, 2019).

Paolo is giving a public lecture on **Monday 2 September** ('Why "home" matters the most for people on the move', in the **Fox Lecture Theatre, from 6-7pm**). All welcome.

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